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Ancient art gallery in the Sahara

DETAILS of wonderful rock paintings thousands of years old have been revealed by a young French archaeologist, Henri Lhote. They are deep in the Sahara, at Tassili, 900 miles from the Algerian coast, and M. Lhote believes that these amazing paintings depict life as it was lived by primitive people of the desert perhaps as long ago as 8000 B.C.

Three years ago Henri Lhote led his expedition into the grim region of the Tassili plateau to make a detailed examination of the paintings which he knew, from a previous hurried visit, were still preserved on the rock faces and in the caves of this most remote and mountainous area. He found thousands of brilliantly coloured outline drawings of human figures and animals, and has described them in a book soon to be published in the U.S.

In one area of 600 square yards M. Lhote saw over 5000 paintings. In a deep shelter with a curved ceiling there were human figures

eighteen feet high comprising one of the largest prehistoric paintings yet discovered. The small heads of the women were Ethiopian in style, and they were shown crushing grain, minding cattle, and sitting behind the men on the backs of cattle.

The paintings were often found on the ceilings of rock shelters over nine feet from the ground, and many of them were blurred or damaged, and often covered with thousands of years of desert dust. M. Lhote and his team carefully washed the ceilings and the rock faces, sponging every inch to bring up the colours which were chiefly yellow, brown, white, and purple.

The bitter wind of the Sahara often tore the paper which M. Lhote and his colleagues used for tracing the paintings, and destroyed their work of days in a few seconds. But they went on, patiently bringing to life the ancient and beautiful forms in what is the world's most fantastic art gallery.

WAR CHARIOT

Nearly every picture had animals in it. One wall-painting, 27 feet long, showed wild sheep, elephants, and a giraffe, as well as very slim human figures. A war chariot drawn by three galloping horses was shown in one painting. The presence of so many animals in the frescoes suggests the honoured place of animals among the Sahara people, and that the women who figure so prominently were the cattle drovers.

The question arises—who were the artists? Some of the paintings suggest the influence of Egypt, and is possible that the Pharaohs' conquests extended as far west as the Tassili Mountains. It is also known that people from Crete landed in Libya, where part of the Tassili region lies, and it is possible that they may have penetrated to this region.

We may never know the answer to the riddle. But meanwhile the marvel of the rock paintings by those Sahara artists of long ago remains.



WITH A RUMBLING OF WHEELS AND DRUMS

Rehearsing for the musical displays these British soldiers in ceremonial dress make a brave sight. Above is a rumbling gun carriage of the King's Troop, the Royal Horse Artillery for the Royal Tournament at Earls Court. On the left is Hannibal, ten-year-old drum-horse of the Household Cavalry, bearing two kettle-drums as well as his drummer. He will be seen at the Highland Show, Aberdeen.



MAN IN SEARCH OF STORMS

While most of us are hoping for summer days with clear, blue skies and blazing sunshine, one man is looking forward to cloudy skies and wet days. And whenever he learns of storm anywhere in south-east England, he will rush off to "enjoy" the sight.

This man with a mission is Mr. William Macklin, a research worker at the Imperial College of Science.

He has just become Britain's first storm patrolman, with his base at the East Hill Weather Research Station at Houghton Regis, near Dunstable, Bedfordshire.

Throughout the summer the radar scanners at the station will be searching the skies within a

radius of 100 miles, and when storm clouds are tracked Mr. Macklin—suitably clad for the weather he seeks—will set off in search of them. And when he finds his storm, he will be out in it.

Mr. Macklin will pay particular attention—even if it is raining cats and dogs—to hailstones, which he will catch in a bucket and then put in the refrigerator in his station wagon. These stones will later be examined under the microscope.

Mr. Macklin will doubtless find his job a wet and chilly one; but his reports will at least bring a warm glow to the weathermen. For his efforts will help them to know more about storms and why and when they occur. This will

surely bring nearer the day when we can decide that it is safe to leave raincoats and umbrellas behind when setting off for seaside or countryside.

Hail-watchers wanted

Mr. Macklin, however, cannot deal with all warnings. If you live within about 100 miles of London you, too, can help the weather experts to find out how thunderstorms produce hail. The Imperial College of Science needs voluntary helpers to record when and where hail accompanies the storms. Many children sent in helpful reports last year.

Further information can be obtained from Mr. F. H. Ludlam, The Imperial College of Science, London S.W.7.

June had a little lamb

This picture from Ipswich shows June Bailey with Peggy, the lamb which she brought up on the bottle after its mother had died. Now 13 weeks old, Peggy has "outgrown" the garden at June's home but an Ipswich smallholder, Mr. Jim Cattling, has come to the rescue.

June told a CN correspondent: "I was desperate to find a home for Peggy—now Mr. Cattling has promised that he will keep her and let me see her whenever I like."



BUSIEST MEN IN BRITAIN

By the CN Parliamentary Correspondent

THE work of the House of Commons has gradually increased over the years. There are more questions to Ministers, more Bills, more major debates. Our M.P.s are among the busiest people in Britain.

Now the question has arisen whether Parliament is too much taken up with the details of Bills rather than with debates on major issues of public concern.

Some time ago a Select Committee of the Commons was set up to examine this problem. A Select Committee is drawn from all parties in proportion to their strength in the House and has a minimum membership of 15. It can call witnesses to give evidence and produce documents.

Much interesting evidence was given before this Select Committee on Procedure, as it was called. This was published at an appropriate moment, for a good deal of it dealt with the Finance Bill which was then—and still is—passing through the Commons.

Ancient right

The Finance Bill gives legal effect to the Budget proposals. It is the chief measure of the Parliamentary year and needs more time than any other Bill. It is also important because it embodies the ancient right of the Commons, finally won from the Stuart kings in the 17th century, to grant or withhold "supplies," that is, money for the upkeep of the State.

Indeed, it was the victorious outcome of this struggle which gave the Commons its "money power" and its consequent control over the actions and policies of governments. So in any plan to alter the procedure on this Bill the Commons would naturally be careful not to sacrifice any of its hard-won rights just for the sake of Parliamentary "speed."

We have nowadays learned to live with great dangers and recurrent crises, political, financial, or

economic. But more time is needed to study, understand, and debate these issues. And once the annual Budget has been published most people lose interest in it. How many of us are aware that the Budget, in its Finance Bill form, is still being debated?

One suggestion made before the Select Committee was that the Finance Bill might be split into two parts. One would be concerned with carrying out the major Budget decisions, and the debates on it would take place (as now) in the Commons chamber.

The other part, brought in later in the parliamentary year, would deal with any tax law reforms mentioned in the Budget. This part would be taken from the floor of the House and sent to a small committee of M.P.s, chosen in the same way as a Select Committee.

Vital issues

Mr. Butler, the Leader of the Commons, has more than once suggested that the House might spend more time debating the really vital issues of the day. But it is sometimes hard to fit in such debates when so many hours are taken up with the Finance Bill and other legislation.

Now Parliament seems ready to give better value for M.P.s' time. However, it is vital that time should not be saved at the expense of the quality of Bills. For when these Bills become law even some slight error passed by Parliament can have troublesome effects when cases, concerned with such laws, come before the courts.

Lonely Ordeal of the New Chief

An African farmer named Willie Samuriwo recently spent the night unarmed and alone, beside a lion-haunted water-hole in Southern Rhodesia. He is the new chief of the once-mighty Varozwi tribe, and he was undergoing his lonely vigil to find out if he was acceptable to the ancestral spirits of the tribe.

However, next morning his fellow tribesmen found him weary but unharmed, and carried him off rejoicing. Having been leaderless for 23 years, they had decided that it was high time they had a chief of their own, and the shy 45-year-old Willie Samuriwo had taken on the job.

His lonely vigil was soon forgot-

Trouble with his teeth

A London stonemason cleans the terrible teeth of one of the model monsters beside the lake in the Crystal Palace Park. But the toothbrush is a file.



ten in the colourful ceremonies of his installation. While the Police Band played and the crowd clapped in unison, he was invested with red and purple robes, a white helmet, and a chain of office. A Government official made a speech, and Willie was handed a piece of earth to signify that he had been given the country.

Then the band broke into a popular African song and there began two days of merry-making.

NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE

CHILDREN'S DAY

June 10 is World Children's Day, which aims at encouraging friendship between boys and girls everywhere, and promoting the work being done for those in need. A message from the Queen is to be read in over 1000 British schools, and international children's parties are to be held in London and provincial cities.

Plans have been made in the United States for constructing an atomic research machine two miles long and costing £36,000,000.

An old London lamp-post has been flown to New York to adorn the garden of the British Book Centre.

A bicycle built in 1860 is in use at Topcroft, Norfolk. It has wooden wheels, with pedals fixed to the front one.

SWORD PLAY

A man fishing in a stream at Norwich hooked an 18th-century sword.

The G.P.O. has a new birthday telegram that shows cherubs arranging candles on a birthday cake.

A fence now encloses 5000 acres of land between Lyndhurst and Ashurst in the New Forest. It will keep ponies off the roads and cars out of the forest.

A message sent to San Francisco recently by the captain of the liner President Hoover, read: "Whale bumps Hoover. Hoover unhurt. Whale bruised."

NIGHT WRITER

A ball-point pen being produced by a German firm has a light attached so that it can be used in the dark.

Teeth of mammoths which lived 150,000 years ago have been dug up at Ilford, Essex.

ROYAL BROWNIE

In joining the Brownies, Princess Anne is following in her Aunt Margaret's footsteps. Princess Margaret belonged to the Buckingham Palace Pack from 1937 until it was disbanded in 1939.

It was the Queen's idea that Princess Anne—who will be nine in August—should become a Brownie. The Buckingham Palace Pack has been re-formed and linked with one at Holy Trinity, Brompton. They will probably meet once a week at Buckingham Palace.

Like all Brownie recruits, the Princess is going through the first stage of four weeks' training before being enrolled.

THEY SAY . . .

I ALWAYS think, dear, when an aeroplane leaves the ground: "Well, what impudence!"

A 75-year-old lady on her first flight, quoted by The Daily Telegraph

CONGESTION on the roads is likely to grow so much that trips to the seaside may have to be rationed.

Mr. John Jefferson, West Sussex County Planning Officer

English girl who became a Queen in Lebanon

Lord Stanhope's gift to the nation of his fine mansion and estate at Chevening, near Sevenoaks, recalls the story of Lady Hester Stanhope, one of the most remarkable members of a distinguished family whose home has been at Chevening for nearly 250 years.

Born at Chevening in 1776, eldest daughter of the third Earl Stanhope, Hester did not get along well with her father, and when she was about 27 went to live with her uncle, the great William Pitt. Proud, witty, and beautiful, she kept the great statesman and his guests constantly entertained.

Pitt died in 1806, and four years later Lady Hester left England, never to return. With a Welsh companion, Miss Williams, she

went to Jerusalem, and then to the slopes of Mount Lebanon, where she became a kind of queen among half-savage people—a queen in a fortress, open-handed in her charity, but exercising power like a tyrant.

In 1828 her companion died, leaving her alone with her slaves—whom she controlled with vigorous language and still more vigorous blows. She was regarded with awe, but her money began to run out, and she spent her last years in misery, isolated from the outside world. One day in June 1839 the British Consul from Beirut called and found her dead. The rooms of her fortress had been stripped, and the servants had gone with their plunder, the only things they had not dared to touch being her personal ornaments.

Now the beautiful Kentish home where Lady Hester Stanhope grew



Lady Hester Stanhope

up has been given to the nation. After Lord Stanhope's death it will probably become a residence for Prime Ministers, Cabinet Ministers, or members of the Royal Family.

In thanking the present Earl Stanhope for his magnificent gift, Mr. Macmillan wrote: "Your long service to the State is crowned with a gift which will allow the rare beauty of Chevening and its wonderful atmosphere of peace and serenity to serve the same high purpose which you and your forbears have always cherished."

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OUR HOMELAND Chevening House, which has been given to the nation. See next column

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Honouring the first Atlantic fliers

A memorial to Sir John Alcock and Sir Arthur Whitten-Brown is to be unveiled at Clifden, County Galway, on June 15, the 40th anniversary of their pioneer flight across the Atlantic. Shaped like an aircraft fin, the memorial will be of limestone, 14 feet high, and will stand on high ground overlooking the point where they landed on that memorable June day in 1919.

On it will be a bronze plaque describing the achievement of these two dauntless men whose "heroism is written in the skies."

SHOCK FOR THE ROACH

There are too many roach in some Ulster rivers and they have been eating the food needed by young salmon and trout. So electrical fish-stunning equipment is used to get rid of them. All the fish in a stretch of river are electrically stunned by a pulse generator and then netted. The unwanted ones are then destroyed, and the others returned to the river, where they soon recover consciousness and suffer no ill-effects.

Fishery authorities believe that this equipment can be used for studying the breeding habits and the numbers of fish in a river, and also the effect on them of river pollution.

Pigeon that took the wrong turning

From Worcester to Crewe is 63 miles as the pigeon flies—or as it ought to fly. But the other day a racing pigeon sent up from Worcester on that course took the wrong turning and landed on the deck of the Media, a Cunarder out in the Atlantic.

A crew member looked after it on the voyage to New York, where he got in touch with the owner, through the address under the bird's wing. The wanderer was to be returned by Cunarder (first-class treatment guaranteed) to Liverpool and then by rail.

From Worcester to Crewe by this route is about 6000 miles.



Radar on the railway

The great new British Railways marshalling yard at Temple Mills, in the East End of London, has many novel features. One of the most striking is the use of radar in controlling goods, wagons which are being shunted.

The wagons are shunted over the ramp in the usual way, but as this happens a radar unit automatically weighs each wagon. As the wagon runs under its own momentum down the slope, radar takes control to assess its speed and then to slow it down by means of equipment laid beside the rails. This method of shunting will save £250,000 a year.

The new marshalling yard has cost £2,500,000, and is said to be the most modern in Europe.

A roof under the stars

The Maths Master at Clarendon School, South Oxhey, Hertfordshire, directs operations while the glass fibre roof is put on the new school observatory.

DOLLS OF ALL NATIONS

Collecting dolls in their national costumes is one way of making Geography interesting, says Sandra Smith of Winchester. Aunts and Uncles are pressed into service to bring them home from holidays abroad, as each doll must come from its own country.

Sandra then chooses suitable names for them and writes a short description of their clothes, homes, and ways of life. She also cuts pictures of their countries from magazines.

She hopes eventually to have a doll from every country in the world. A tall order for her Aunts and Uncles!



Sandra with some of her dolls

Gannet is his guest

Mr. David Brook stopped to look at a gannet which was swimming in the Pyefleet Channel off Mersea, Essex. Immediately the bird swam towards him, climbed on the pavement and then followed him. So Mr. Brook took it to his home in Colchester.

Since then it has been quite happy to live on raw herring and has shown no wish to leave the family circle.

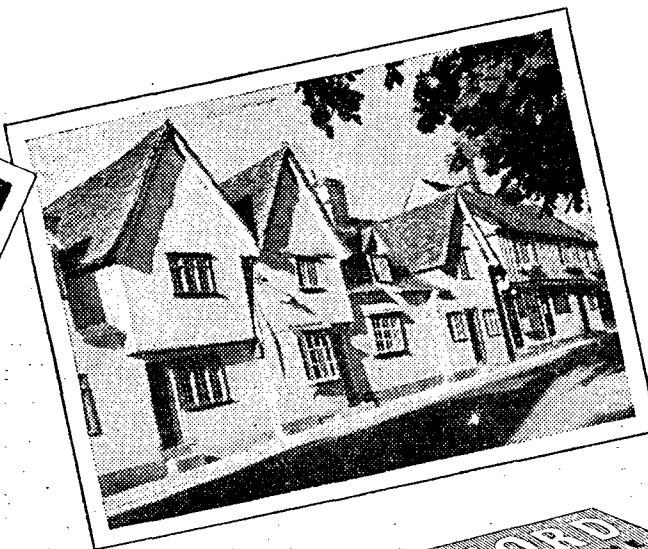
An R.S.P.C.A. spokesman said: "We believe the gannet must have been hungry. It is obviously quite happy wandering about its new home and as yet has shown no intention of leaving."

COMPOSER GIVES A SONG TO THE CHILDREN

"There's no business like show business" is a song known to everybody, and everybody will be pleased to know that the composer, Irving Berlin, has given it to the Variety Club of Great Britain.

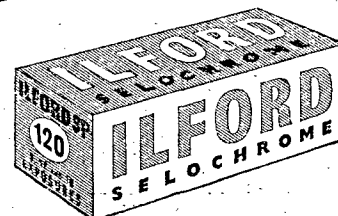
In future all the royalties from this popular song will go to the various children's charities which the Variety Club helps to support.

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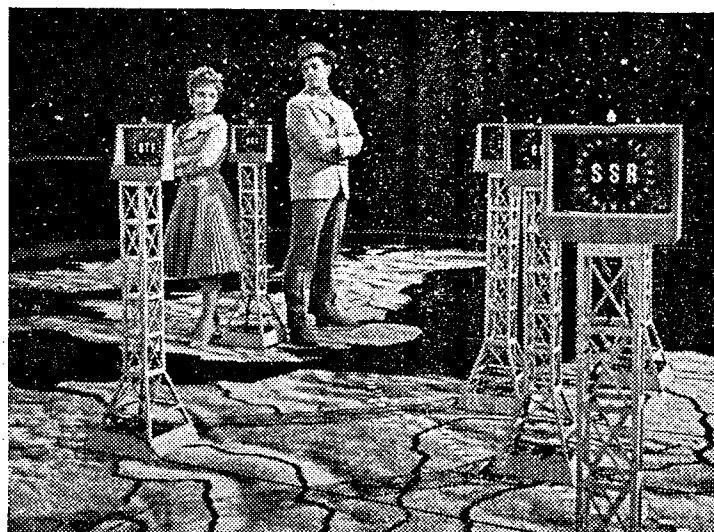
Dancing over seas and rivers

It will be geography without tears in BBC television on Saturday night when the fifth anniversary of the start of Eurovision will be marked with a round-Europe programme of live entertainment shared by 12 countries.

How to get over the language difficulty in introducing each item to millions of viewers all over the Continent was a real headache for Producer Graeme Muir, who is handling the entire programme from Brussels. Then he hit on the idea of a huge relief map spread over the floor of the BBC studio Riverside One.

As the Dancers Round Europe, Denny Bettis and Katherine Feather were filmed there the other day leaping over seas and rivers and across mountains, to finish up each sequence at the spot where the next Eurovision item is coming from. The map, measuring 75 feet by 68 feet, has transmitter masts 3 foot 6 inches high for each country. The tallest mountain peaks, in the Pyrenees and Alps, are about 18 inches high.

During the 75-minute show, starting at 9.30, viewers will share live items from Sweden,



Dancing round Europe—Denny Bettis and Katherine Feather on the huge map in the BBC studios

Denmark, Luxemburg, Monaco, Austria, Holland, Belgium, Switzerland, Italy, Germany, France, and Britain. Belgium's contribution is perhaps the most original—a ballet from the grottos at Dinant, 100 yards underground.

Next day the nations will combine again to give viewers outdoor scenes showing how Europe spends Sunday afternoon. This is being handled by the German TV service. BBC cameras will be "somewhere in London" but the spot is being kept secret to keep away the crowds.

Far afield with the Caravan



LOOKING spick and span after a good spring clean, the BBC Children's Caravan is now well launched on its summer tour which began a fortnight ago at Beaulieu, Hampshire.

This Wednesday it will be drawn up in the grounds of Berkeley Castle, Gloucestershire.

There will be eight more ports of call. Producer Barbara Hammond is hoping to include visits to places as far apart as the

Gorbals, Glasgow, and the fishing village of Newlyn, near Penzance, Cornwall.

All the BBC Regions are being given a turn. At each place local children are invited to do a show of their own, compered by Jeremy Geidt, with loyal support from Mr. Crumit (Clive Dunn).

In the picture we see from left: Jeremy Geidt, Rosemary Gill (producer's assistant), Ron Piddington, (Caravan's driver), and Joan Lamb, the producer's secretary.

GIRL WHO BUILDS CATHEDRALS

And boy who lectured scientists at the British Association

NICOLA WAGSTAFF, a 15-year-old girl from South Croydon, is so good at making architectural models in balsa wood that she has been invited to take part in All Your Own in BBC Children's TV on Sunday.

Cathedrals have a special fascination for Nicola, and she has made two to her own design, one of which will be shown on TV. A third one started off as a cathedral but ended differently.

Nicola did a model of St. Paul's, working from photos of the front and back. But when she went to St. Paul's and saw the cathedral

complete, she realised that Sir Christopher Wren had done a better job than Nicola Wagstaff! So she changed it to a Town Hall. We shall see this and also a monastery she modelled.

Another guest will be 16-year-old David McCreddie, of Rutherglen, near Glasgow. He has made such a success of his hobby, orni-



thology, that he gave a lecture on it to the British Association last year.

Some of David's own bird photos will be shown, including this one of a hen-harrier, a falcon-like bird of prey. Hen-harriers are so rare that anyone catching one can be fined up to £25. This young bird was barely able to fly, but David was quick to let it go after this snap had been taken!

King of Clocks

THE clock of Big Ben, as we all know, celebrated its centenary last Sunday, though the famous bell did not boom forth until July 11, 1859. But the BBC are not waiting until July to mark the 100th birthday of the chimes that listeners know so well. At 9.15 in the Home Service this Wednesday we can hear a feature programme called The King of Clocks.

The chimes of Big Ben were first broadcast on December 31, 1923, to usher in the New Year. Since then Big Ben has had only

three vacations from radio—in 1934 and 1956 for cleaning and repairs, and for four months in the summer of 1944. Listeners were then given recordings in case live transmissions might pick up sounds of flying bombs and air raid sirens which might cause alarm outside London and overseas.

How many listeners remember the night, some years ago, when Big Ben was 10 minutes slow? It happened because, at about quarter to nine, a flock of starlings perched on one of the huge minute hands and weighed it down.

William Tell's tree-top house

IF that villain Gessler ever hunted for William Tell as far as Coptorne, Surrey, he might have to scale a tree to reach him. For Conrad Phillips, who plays the Swiss hero in the ATV serial, has just built his first tree house for seven-year-old son Patrick.

"Ever since I was a boy," Conrad told me, "I've wanted an eyrie in the tree tops. Now that we've moved to our new home in Surrey, the wish has come true."

"William Tell" has built the tree-top house himself, all with natural wood and a ladder of knotted rope and wooden slats. It has a square platform with fenced-in sides.

"Patrick can climb up himself," said Conrad. "But Penny the beagle has to be carried."

Conrad Phillips has already filmed 39 episodes for William Tell. For winning the part he has to thank his "better half." I do not mean, as you might think, his charming ex-actress wife, Jane Moir.

He was playing twin brothers in Monte Cristo—one good, one bad—when Producer Leslie Arliss spotted him.

"Forget the bad brother," said Mr. Arliss. "The good one is just my idea of William Tell."



Walt Disney

tells a shaggy dog story

NEW FILMS

Poor Tommy Kirk in the role of Wilby Daniels, has a very worrying time of it in Walt Disney's latest picture, *The Shaggy Dog*. He visits a local museum and when he gets home he finds a ring has dropped into the turn-up of his trousers.

It is a very old ring with a history and on it is an inscription in Latin which Tommy laboriously reads aloud. No sooner has he done so, when, to his horror, he finds that he has turned into a shaggy sheep dog, exactly like the one who lives at the house opposite and belongs to a professor and his pretty young daughter.

What a terrible dilemma for a youngster, especially as his father has an unfortunate reaction to the presence of dogs. As soon as one gets near him he begins to itch violently.



Shaggy is pretty good with a hula hoop



Moochie Daniels, played by Kevin Corcoran, in a game of checkers with his "brother", Wilby

Temperamental singer on the Isle of Capri

IN his new film, *For the First Time*, Mario Lanza plays a selfish, temperamental operatic singer who is a trouble to everybody till he falls in love with a young girl who lives in Capri. He wants to marry her but she refuses him.

One of the worst of Tommy's troubles is that he never knows when he is going to turn back into a boy again. So he spends all his time dodging people and on one occasion, when he has turned into a dog in the professor's house, he overhears the professor talking to two other men and realises that they are spies.

They have to be foiled. But how? He finds it hard to convince his father, who is shocked when he hears his son's voice coming out of a dog's mouth.

Dog at the wheel

So "Sheepdog Tommy" has to take the law into his own hands and chase the criminals himself. And that is when the funniest scene of all occurs. Tommy has to borrow a police car—and there it goes, bowling along the road driven by a dog, to the consternation of everybody.

Tommy (still in the shape of a shaggy dog) even rescues the professor's daughter from drowning. But then he turns into a boy again and finds that the real dog has been acclaimed as a hero. And what can Tommy do? Who will believe his story?

Tommy makes a lively young hero, Fred MacMurray is fine as his dog-loving father and there are certainly a lot of laughs and thrills in this new Walt Disney romp.

THE SEALS AROUND BRITAIN'S SHORES



The grey seal of the North Atlantic

MANY people think of seals as animals you only see in a zoo, but in fact plenty of them are to be seen around Britain if you know where to go. Two kinds of seals breed in the British Isles, the common seal mainly on sandy shores, and the Atlantic grey seal mainly on rocky ones.

The common seal is the smaller of the two and is especially common on our eastern coasts, being found as near London as the outer sandbanks of the Thames estuary. Holiday-makers in Norfolk know that herds of seals are to be found in such places as the entrance to Blakeney Harbour and Scroby Sands, the extensive sandbanks off Great Yarmouth.

Seen by holidaymakers

The Atlantic grey seal is much larger, the bigger bulls (male seals) weighing over a quarter-of-a-ton—more than three times the maximum weight of a bull common seal, which is only two hundred-weight. Holidaymakers in Devon and Cornwall, and along the Welsh and Scottish coasts, often see the muzzle of a grey seal thrust inquisitively out of the water off some rocky headland.

Curiously enough, the Atlantic grey seal is among the world's rarest mammals. Altogether there are estimated to be only some 33,500 of them, all in the northern part of the Atlantic. Of these, no fewer than 20,000 breed in the British Isles. British naturalists therefore have a special responsibility to those in other parts of the world to make sure that no harm befalls the breeding stock of this rare animal.

Protected by Parliament

For many years now the grey seal has been carefully protected by a special Act of Parliament. As a result it has increased, and nowhere more conspicuously than at the famous breeding colony on the Farne Islands, off the coast of Northumberland. Within the last year or two numbers on the Farnes have built up to the point where they have begun to spill over to other islands on the east coast, notably the Isle of May in the Firth of Forth and Scroby Sands off Great Yarmouth. Only last December naturalists verified that grey seals were in fact breeding

not know how many of the seals that frequent the mouth of the Tweed come from the Farnes. To start with, some of them are common seals, which do not breed on the Farnes. Moreover, it has been proved by marking the young seals that the Farne seals go as far afield as Holland, Denmark, Norway, the Faroes and the Moray Firth, so there is every reason to suppose that many of the seals at the mouth of the Tweed also come from far away.

As the actual killing of the young seals last winter proved to be a difficult and cruel process, naturalists everywhere are glad that the local fishermen and boatmen who take holidaymakers out to the Farnes have refused to take any more seal-killers out to the islands. Obviously, there will have to be second thoughts about this problem.

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Portrait of a common seal

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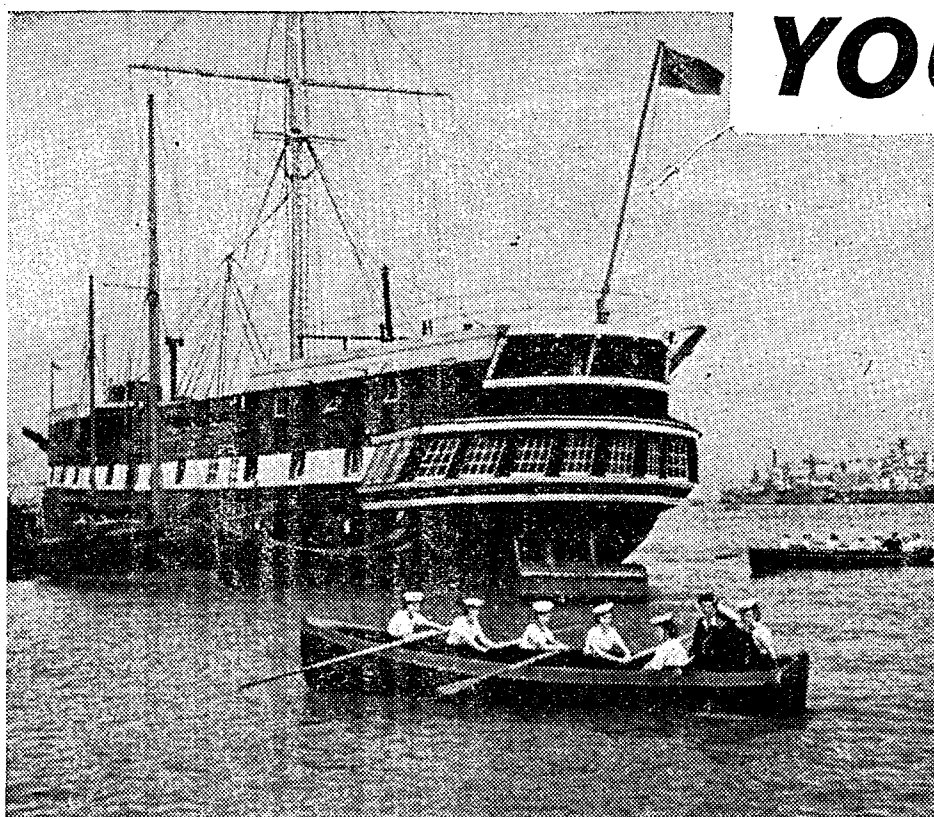
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The old warship at her moorings, and a boat's crew at work



Wash and polish for Foudroyant's figurehead

JUST inside the entrance to Portsmouth Harbour lies the little frigate **FOUDROYANT**, relic of Britain's old sailing Navy. Now 142 years old, but still sound as a bell, the **FOUDROYANT** is no decaying relic of past glories; she is very much alive as a Holiday Training Ship for youth. Starting at Easter each year, boys and girls from all over the country stay aboard for a week's or a weekend's holiday, receiving strict nautical training, and having a jolly good time into the bargain.

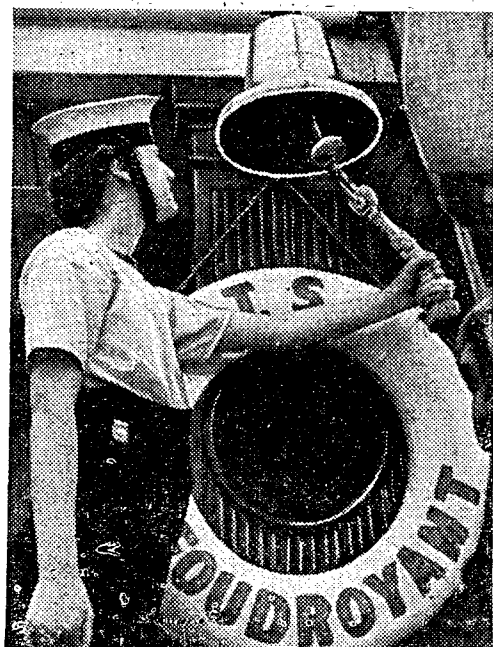
Neat in her fresh black and white paint, with proud figurehead of an Indian prince, the *Foudroyant* is a striking sight. This one-time 46-gun two-decker, formerly *H.M.S. Trincomalee*, was launched at Bombay in 1817. She was built for the East India Company but was later bought by the Navy, and fought against the Russians in the Crimean War.

For 40 years after the end of the Crimean War the old ship was used as a naval harbour training ship. In 1896 she was bought privately and until 1938 lay at Falmouth. She was then moved to Portsmouth Harbour and during the war served as a floating barracks for the Navy.

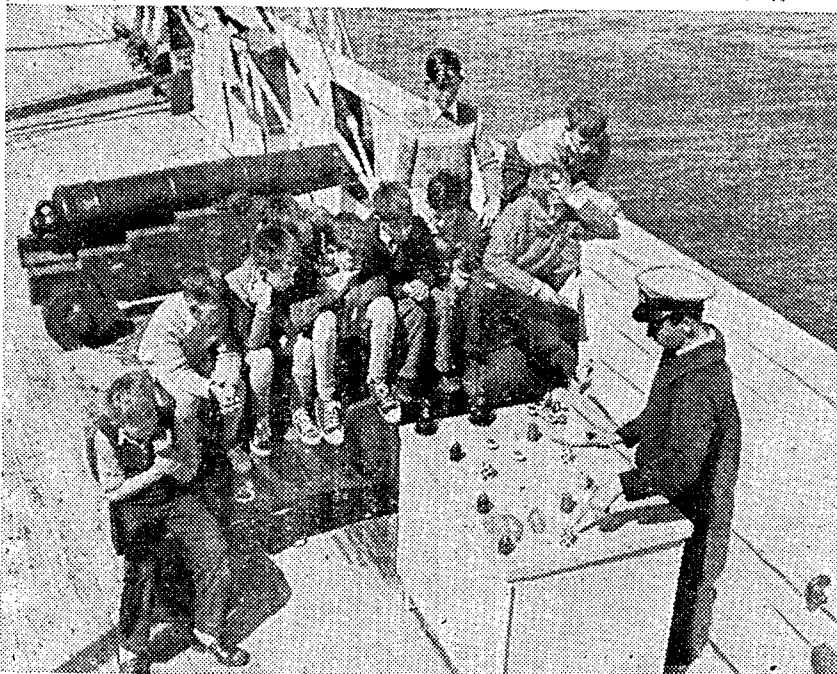
In Bluejacket style

Now she is a training ship, and every year more than a thousand youngsters from all parts of Britain sleep aboard her in hammocks and eat at long wooden tables in exactly the same way as the pig-tailed bluejackets of yore.

Boys and girls can spend a week or more on board by writing to the Captain Superintendent, *T.S. Foudroyant*, Gosport, Hampshire, and asking for an application form. You must be over the age of 11 and the cost for one week is £7 a head. If necessary, your headmaster, headmistress or



Time is tolled on the ship's bell



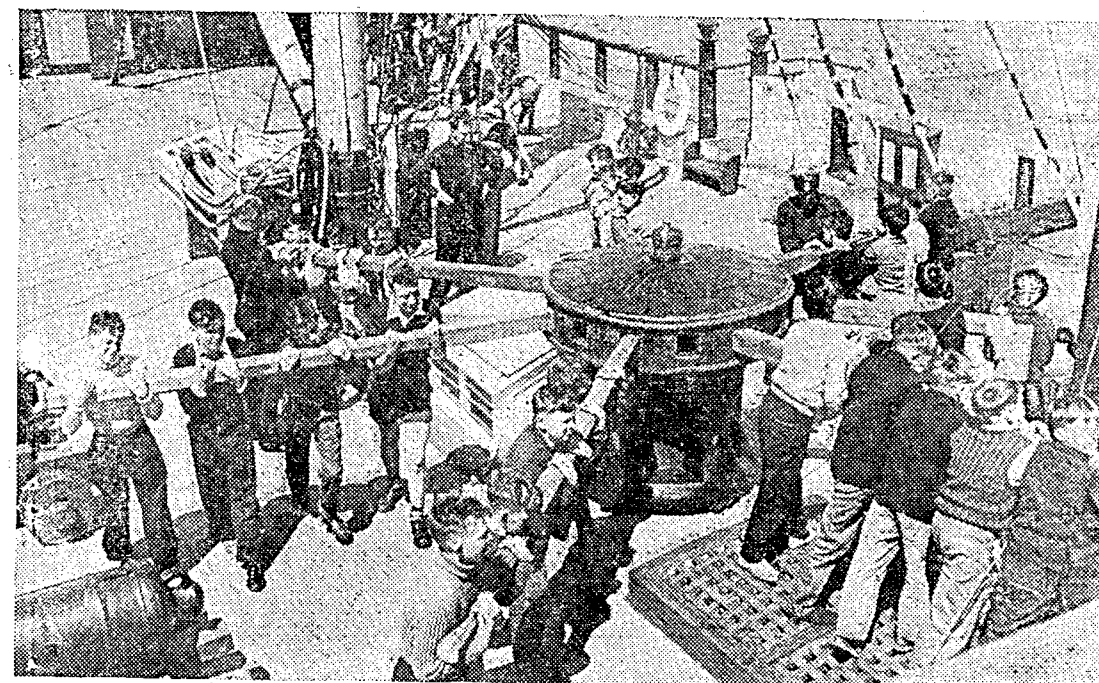
Boys meet model Buoys and learn their shapes and colours and meanings



Busiest time of the day for all hands: table is known as a r

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BOARD THE OLD WARSHIP



Manning the capstan means learning to work together

local Youth Officer can ask the local education authority for a grant to help you.

Now let us suppose that you are going to Gosport to spend a week on board the old ship. The bus station is only two minutes' walk from the jetty and here a boat will meet you.

In front of you lies the T.S. *Foudroyant*, a black vessel with a broad white band along her hull and only one mast, about half the height of her original masts.

As you enter the entry port (never door) you must keep your head down if you are much over five feet. Stretching away down the length of the ship from the entry port are the main deck messes. A mess simply consists of a table at right angles to the ship's sides and some wooden benches.

On the low beams overhead are large hooks from which the hammocks are slung at night. During



is meal time. Each ness.

the day the hammocks are rolled up and lashed and stowed in what are known as "nettings" or racks. The "galley" or kitchen is also on the main deck.

Having seen the main deck, go up the ladder to the upper deck.



The Bosun's pipe

Here you will see four of the original 32-pounder cannon. Below the raised deck or "quarter-deck," at the end of the upper deck, is the instructors' "ward-room" or sitting-room, and the great wheel used for steering the ship in her sea-going days.

Going below once more on to the main deck you will see that the after (stern) end of this deck is partitioned off. Here are the Captain's apartments.

Ship-shop

Below the main deck lies the "Orlop" deck. Here there are more messes and at the forward end is a small shop which sells sweets and soft drinks in the evenings.

Climbing down still farther, you come to the hold. One end is now filled with water tanks, but in the other is a boiler for heating water and a space for a cinema projector and screen.

Below the hold are the bilges, the extreme bottom of the ship. Here you will see a number of old cannon, used as ballast, to keep the ship at the required depth in the water.

And what do you do during a week on board? The week starts

on a Saturday. On the Sunday you go to the Church service in the shore station called H.M.S. *Dolphin*, (the submarine training school) and see over a submarine. In the afternoon, and for the rest of your stay, you will learn something about the sailing of boats, at first under an instructor and later with one or two other of your "shipmates." There will also be a sailing trip to the Isle of Wight. To manage a sailing boat you must know about knots and ropes, and you must also know how to use an oar if your boat is becalmed. Both these useful subjects are taught.

You may think that "rule of the road" is something only to be found on land, but at sea there is a strict set of rules covering what to do when you meet another ship or boat. These you will also learn, as well as weather signs, elementary navigation, such as how to use a compass, and what to do when securing your boat to a buoy or jetty.

School parties

Of course, if you already have some experience of handling a small boat you will tackle more advanced work, such as taking charge of an oared boat and reading charts. If you come for a second week you will learn more of the art of seamanship, and if you come for three weeks all told, even at intervals of a year or more, you will receive a certificate. This is rather like having your G.C.E. for sailing.

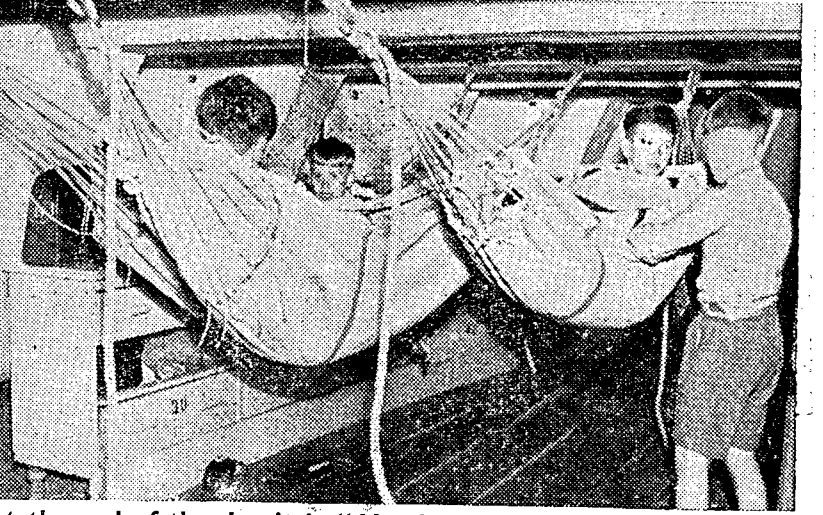
Many boys and girls come alone or with a few friends during the holidays, but during the summer term many school parties come for a week. Up to 100 boys or girls can be taken at a time. Parties of Scouts, Guides, and Youth Club members also come during the summer. If you are interested in having a holiday aboard the *Foudroyant*, why not ask your Head about it? But whether you are thinking of going in a school party or just with a few friends, you must make sure of booking as soon as possible.



Pulling instructions for beginners while moored at the boom



On the boom and down the rope ladder for boat drill



At the end of the day it is "Hands turn in" and "Pipe down"

Chi-Chi is putting on weight

**WHO'S WHO
AT THE ZOO**

THAT celebrated London Zoo "star," Chi-Chi the giant panda, is fast putting on weight. And that perhaps is not to be wondered at. Just look at her daily diet sheet—about six lb. of mash made of rice and milk, raw eggs, apples, oranges, bananas, a milk powder containing glucose, boiled chicken, half a loaf of wholemeal bread, and about 50 shoots of bamboo!

"Two years ago, in Peking, Chi-Chi weighed 108 lb.," an official told me. "Last autumn, when we acquired her, she was 147 lb. Today, she is 183 lb., and still 'putting it on.' We can afford to take no risks with an animal which we value at £12,000, so if Chi-Chi appears to be fatter than she ought to be, we shall consider cutting down her rations."

"We weigh Chi-Chi at regular weekly intervals. She is placed in a crate and wheeled off on a trolley to the butcher's yard. Luckily, we rarely have any trouble with her. She sits quite still munching some bamboo while her weight is read off."

interesting experiment—to see if these two white squirrels will pair and possibly establish a white race breeding true. If we succeed we may be making an important discovery."

Colour in the Lion House

Do animals see things in colour or only in monochrome? It is an old poser and one which has been much debated by zoologists and other experts. It has cropped up again at the London Zoo, where the lion house has recently been repainted.

"The bars of the cages are still the conventional black, with the surround of each cage in dark

green tiling," said an official. "But the walls and roof of the house have been redecorated in primrose and pale blue. The seats in the house are fawn, and the litter bins a bright green. Altogether, it's now a very colourful place—and some of the inmates have reacted accordingly."

"We now have a fairly full house, with a dozen lions, four tigers, eight leopards, a pair of jaguars, and a pair of pumas. Some of these animals stare so intently at some of the newly-painted objects that one could almost be sure they are seeing them in their true colours."

The reactions of lioness Janet, who was born in the house in 1938, suggest very strongly that she can really appreciate the new colours.

By canal to the Zoo

DID you know that one of the pleasantest ways of visiting the London Zoo today is by water-bus? The other day, British Waterways started a special service which takes visitors to the Zoo along the Regent's Canal.

Embarking at "Little Venice" on the Grand Union Canal at Bromfield Road, Paddington, passengers travel aboard the good ship Waterbuck, which is a converted canal boat designed to carry 46 passengers. The journey of two miles or so takes about 25 minutes.

On reaching that part of the canal which runs through the Zoo, passengers step ashore at the little landing stage near the elephant

paddock. Single fares are 4s. 6d. for adults and 2s. 6d. for children, including entrance ticket. (On Mondays the charges are 3s. 6d., and 2s.).

"The introduction of this service



is a wonderful idea," said a Zoo official. "At the moment, the water-bus service is running once an hour, but more boats will be put into service if there is sufficient demand during the summer months." CRAVEN HILL



NOT-SO-HAPPY LANDINGS

A chapter of accidents, fortunately without harmful effects, befell 50 American soldiers engaged in a mass parachute jump in Germany.

The general landed at the top of a 50-foot tree; two men fell on to high-tension cables—which were not live; one man fell into a canal; another landed on a threshing machine; and yet another ended on the back of a cow—which dashed off with him at full speed.

Presents—and a visitor—from Yugoslavia

Girls from a British and a Yugoslav family have exchanged homes for the holidays. Their friendship started at a London school of dancing and last summer Linda Neech (right) of Beckenham, Kent, went to stay with her friend Ljerka Prekratic (left) whose home is in Zagreb. Here we see the return visit, with Ljerka, who is here until the autumn, with presents she had brought for Linda and her sister Penny.

ETHEL MARY'S FIRST TRIP

A lifeboat goes on tour

The latest lifeboat built in Britain, the Ethel Mary, is to go on show in Germany before taking up her post at Ballycotton, County Cork.

On June 17 the Ethel Mary, which cost £39,000, will sail from the Cowes shipyard in which she was built. Her first call will be at Ramsgate, and from there she

will cross the Channel to Den Helder, the chief naval station in the North Holland province. She will then go on to Borkum Island, off the north coast of Germany, before sailing up the Weser River to the great port of Bremen. There Ethel Mary will be on show at the international lifeboat conference from June 23 to 25.

All-white Squirrel

ALBINO specimens of the American grey squirrel are rare, and for the last five years the Zoo has had only one of these all-white squirrels, a male known as Bino. Now, a female has been secured.

The newcomer, which also has a beautiful white coat, bushy white tail, and pink eyes, has been given to the Society by a farmer living near Canterbury, who found it as a baby in some local woods and had kept it as a pet.

"We are particularly glad of his gift," said an official, "for we are now in a position to carry out an

THE HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES A SHERLOCK HOLMES ADVENTURE

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle



INSTALMENT 9. Baffled by Laura Lyons, Watson was returning to the Hall when he met her father, Mr. Frankland, a cantankerous man who had quarrelled with her—as with many others. But today he was elated and invited Watson into his house.



Quarrelsome Frankland had a grudge against the police for not stopping the villagers from showing their dislike of him. Now, he said, he was having his private revenge. He would not tell the police of the escaped convict's hiding place, which he had discovered by seeing a boy taking food there.



Thinking that Watson sympathised with him and would keep his secret, Frankland took him to the telescope on the roof through which he had spotted the boy. "Quick," he said, "He's there now!"



Watson saw a boy with a bundle climb a hill, look round furtively, then vanish. Excitedly he realised that Frankland had stumbled on the hiding place, not of the convict, but of the mysterious second man on the moor! For Barrymore had said the unknown man was helped by a boy.

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Dr. Watson thinks he is now hot on the Hound's trail. See next week's instalment

THE DAWN KILLER

By Monica Edwards

Adapted from the Children's Film Foundation production

An unknown killer-dog has been attacking sheep on Romney Marsh. Tom Hoddy's big cross-bred, Lion, is generally suspected, but the Hoddys are saying the Hawkes' collie, Glen, is the killer. But 12-year-old Colin Hawkes and his younger sister Anna are on the Marsh at dawn one day and see Lion threatening the flock. Glen rushes in and holds him off. Later, all the Hawkes family, Eli the shepherd, and three fishermen witnesses take Lion back to his home and confront Hoddy with the facts. At first Hoddy blusters, but then accepts overwhelming evidence.

11. One hour to find Glen

ANNA was gazing at her father, listening eagerly for what she knew he must be about to say. He, too, had been staring at Lion, but now he looked up.

"Tom, I should hate to have him miss his chance for that Cup. Except for my Glen, he's the only dog in Kent good enough to win it, and I'd like to see him try." He paused a moment, and Anna was staring shingly. "Promise me; on your honour, that you'll keep him locked up until after the Trials, and I won't bring any action against him before then."

Hoddy swallowed hard. He was very moved; too much so to trust himself to speak. He offered his hand in silence. Jack Hawkes grasped it at once, returning Hoddy's straight look; then, bending down to Lion again, he unclipped the chain from his neck. As they turned to leave, Colin saw the sad expression on Joe's strained face. Impulsively he put his hand on to the boy's shoulder and gave a reassuring squeeze.

Another idea

In another minute they were following the fishermen back across the fields. Glen's lameness was almost gone now; he snuffled the clean air joyfully, brushing his paws briskly through the grass as he trotted between Colin and Anna.

Anna was still inwardly shining. Suddenly she looked up at her father as they walked along together.

"Dad, I think you've got another idea about Lion. I wish you'd tell me."

Mr. Hawkes smiled back at her a little mysteriously.

"My kind of ideas have to work themselves out."

Old Eli's soft voice lifted itself from a little behind them, where he was walking with Colin.

"The only idea I got, this minute, is that you can't trust not one of them Hoddys no further'n you can see 'em. And the one I trust least is that shifty feller Fred, and his lurcher dog."

"But I think Mr. Hoddy will keep his promise about locking up Lion," Colin said. "Just think!

No more dead sheep on the Marshes. And it was Glen who put a stop to it."

"Thass not to say no more stolen sheep, young 'un."

Anna turned half sideways as she walked, to glance back at Eli.

"Perhaps Glen knows more about the stolen sheep, too, than we do."

"Which wouldn't be saying much, Anna love," her father remarked, "because we don't seem to have found out anything at all. Perhaps everyone's been too busy getting ready for the Trials. It's only the day after tomorrow, you know."

The day of the Southern Counties Trials began with a morning of bustle and rush. All the routine farm jobs had not only to be done as usual, but crammed into a shorter time; and then there was the extra work of carrying and stacking the last of a small acreage of oats that were grown for the ponies and cows and poultry, before the weather should break up in thunder.

Ready for the Trials

At about half-past eleven Anna reluctantly left Colin in the oat-field with their father and Eli, and trudged back to the house to help Cathy. Lunch was to be an hour earlier so that they could all get away to the Trials in good time.

"But I don't call it good time," Anna said as she came in, stepping over the two cats who were stretched in the sun on the doorstep, "when the Trials have been going on since eleven o'clock."

Still at her sewing-machine, Cathy was working hard to finish her dress.

"We'll be lucky if we're there by half-past one. I'll never get this waist fitted properly in time."

Glen is Bored

"I suppose it doesn't matter, as Glen doesn't go on until the afternoon, and nor does Lion." Anna turned and looked across the kitchen for the collie. "There's my good Glen boy!" He thumped his tail for her, looking at her with bored eyes. "Did you ever see such a fed-up dog, Cathy? Won't he be glad to get back to work again?"

"Mm," said Cathy absently. "Be a good lass and start washing the lettuce. I've just got to do a last-minute try-on."

The lunch was on the table, appetisingly cool and fresh, and Anna had changed into her yellow dress, when the others came in. She glanced up from slicing the bread.

"We've had a narrow squeak doing it in time, but it's all ready. I'm going to eat mine quickly so that I can give Glen a final brush and polish. He's got to look the best dog at the Trials, because

he's going to be the best dog at the Trials."

"Anna, when did you see him last?"

She looked up again at the urgency of her father's voice, and then glanced quickly round the kitchen.

"He was here a few minutes ago—wasn't he, Cathy?"

Mr. Hawkes didn't wait for Cathy to answer.

"Nurse Bell says she passed him trotting down the road a quarter of an hour ago. She came straight up to tell us because of the Trials."

Cathy stopped whipping a bowl of cream that was to go with raspberries and glanced up in consternation.

"But he never goes off!"

"He did once before. I'm going to take the van and look for him. He's due on the field in an hour and a half. Anna, can you change that dress quickly and go out with Colin on the ponies? If you see Eli, tell him; he'd already left us when Nurse came."

Her fingers already on the fastenings of her dress, Anna flew across the kitchen.

"I never saw or heard him go



Colin gave Joe a sympathetic pat on the shoulder

out at all. How awful! We simply must find him."

Colin's voice followed her into the hall.

"But we've got to find him in an hour!"

Cathy looked at the laid out lunch.

"I suppose I'd better see what I can put up in bags for them. They can't possibly go without anything at all."

There was a sense of bustle in the Hoddys' farmhouse, too, at about that time; Tom Hoddy screwing himself into an un-

accustomed necktie at the looking-glass over the kitchen sink, while Joe knelt on the crumby floor brushing Lion, and Mrs. Hoddy dodged from window to window staring out across the Marsh.

"Can't think what's keeping our Fred." She sounded plaintive.

Hoddy's mouth yanked sideways as he drew up the tie.

"You spoil 'im, fussing. Great big lad like that. Got yer hat on?"

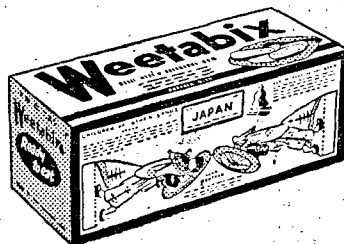
"I ent a-going till Fred gets back." She stuck out her lower lip stubbornly.

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THE WORLD OF STAMPSCanada getting ready
for the Royal Visit

Exciting stamps are planned for issue this month in Canada and the United States to mark the visit of the Queen and Prince Philip, and the opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway.

On June 18, when the Royal visitors are due to arrive at Torbay Airport, Newfoundland, to begin their tour of Canada, post offices in the Dominion will be selling a big 5-cent stamp. Its design is based on the famous portrait of the Queen by the Italian artist, Pietro Annigoni.

This portrait was painted in 1954 for the Worshipful Company of Fishmongers and now hangs in their Hall near London Bridge. It shows the Queen wearing the mantle and regalia of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, founded more than 600 years ago.

There is an interesting secret in the design of this new Canadian

stamp. When you obtain your copy, look at it through a magnifying glass and you will see in the bottom left-hand corner the date 1957. This was the year when the steel plate for printing the stamp was actually engraved. The Canadian Government obtained permission from the Fishmongers' Company to use the Annigoni portrait, but decided to wait for a special occasion.

This is not the first time that the Annigoni portrait has appeared on a stamp, however; it is also reproduced on three stamps issued by Fiji in 1954 and on two Sarawak stamps of 1957.

DURING her tour the Queen will, with President Eisenhower, officially open the great St. Lawrence Seaway, which enables ocean-going ships to sail from the Atlantic to the great Lakes. On the opening day, June 26, the United States and Canada are to issue commemorative stamps in almost identical designs.

Printed in red and blue on white paper—the national colours of both countries—the stamps show the maple leaf and the American eagle and thus symbolise the link



between Canada and the United States. In the background is a map of the St. Lawrence River and the Great Lakes. As so many Canadians are descendants of the early French settlers, the inscriptions on the Canadian stamp are in French as well as English.

This is the first time that the United States and Canada have made a joint stamp issue. The American stamp will be first placed on sale at Massena, in New York State. This is the head office of the St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation.

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PEEP AT THE AIRPORT

John and Jennifer at London Airport, by Gee Denes (Oldbourne, 7s. 6d.)

BRITAIN'S greatest airport is an irresistible attraction to sight-seeing small boys and girls, but those who live too far away to visit it will find this book the next best thing. It is splendidly illustrated by the author's photographs, many of them in colour.

BRIGHT SPARK

Ken Jones, Electrical Engineer, by D. O. Summers (Chatto & Windus, 8s. 6d.)

THIS "documentary" about a boy's introduction to electrical engineering will be of absorbing interest to youngsters with ambitions for a career in this field. But it is an excellent story even for those who do not know a volt from an amp.

RIDING DAYS

The Difficult Summer, by Gillian Baxter (Evans, 10s. 6d.)

Girls who love riding will delight in this exciting tale. The heroine's struggle to keep the stables going while the proprietor is in hospital is beset by enough difficulties to daunt a lesser mortal, but the happy ending is no more than she deserves.

HARNESSING THE SUN

Solar Energy, by Franklin M. Branley (Ward, 10s. 6d.)

THE world's growing population with its rising standard of living puts an ever-increasing demand on our reserves of the "fossil" fuels—coal, oil, and natural gas. When these fuels are exhausted, man may be able to use the latent power in sea-water, as indicated by the Zeta experiments at Harwell. In the meantime scientists and engineers are seeking to use the unlimited energy which the Sun pours on to the Earth. This book tells, in a popular style with simple diagrams, of the work that is going on, and suggests experiments which a boy could carry out.

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Stitch Me A Peacock, by Mary Krishna (Hutchinson, 10s. 6d.)

YOUNG needlewomen will here find inspiration for some most attractive embroidery. Mrs. Krishna has brought from India her quaint designs of birds and beasts in the Oriental manner, and the embroidery instructions are interspersed with the author's jolly poems on the subjects.

Other Recommended
Books

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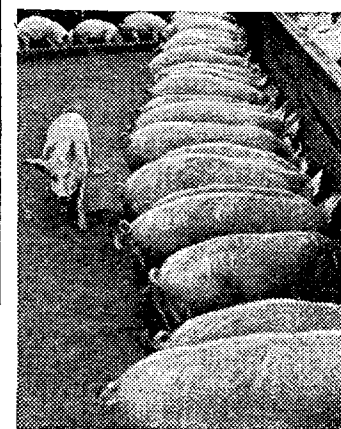
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THE YOUNG TRAVELLER IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, by Marie Burg (Phoenix House, 10s. 6d.)

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PAT MACDONALD—SALES ASSISTANT—a Career Novel for Girls, by Elizabeth Grey (Bodley Head, 8s. 6d.)

This little pig
had none

When dinner was served down on the pig farm, all got to the food except one. And here we see him wandering hungrily along the line looking for a chance to get his nose in.

THE DAWN KILLER

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"Gor! Women!" His eye swivelled round and took in Joe and the dog. "And as fer you, young feller, you let that dog alone—dolling 'im up like it was fer a dog show! This is working trials, fer working dogs. There's no prizes fer looks."

They were driving down the lane with Lion in one of Tom's old junkish cars when they saw Colin and Anne riding round a corner towards them.

"Them young Hawkeses," said Hoddy. "Thought they'd a-been at the Trials."

"Waving to us to stop," Joe said.

Hoddy ground the car to a halt and leaned out grudgingly. He had no mind to be involved in anything just now, when he was about to go on to the field with Lion for their greatest test of all;—almost certainly, for Lion, the last test.

Colin, on Misty, rode a little closer.

"You haven't, by any chance, seen Glen, have you, Mr. Hoddy?"

"Ah! Gorn missing again, has he?"

"About half an hour ago. Nurse saw him going down the lane."

Hoddy looked carefully at Colin. Suddenly the dealer leaned out farther and jerked his thumb across the Marsh towards its far distant centre.

"We seed a collie just like him going that way—going fast, he were."

Colin frowned perplexedly.

"But that's the opposite to the way Nurse said. Are you sure?"

"Course I'm sure." His hand was on the gear-lever. "Must've doubled back on his tracks." Then, "I'll keep a look-out for him," he added, letting in the clutch and deliberately moving off again.

Joe turned round and stared at his father behind the wheel.

"But Dad! We ain't seen no collie."

"You shut up," said Hoddy, stepping on the accelerator.

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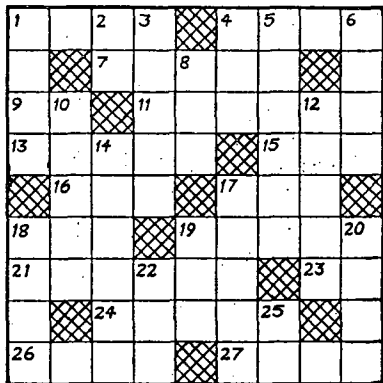
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PUZZLE PARADE



Answer next week.

Crossword Puzzle

READING ACROSS. 1 Hooked nail of an animal. 4 Nobleman. 7 Attraction. 9 Saint. 11 To pass by. 13 Answer to 3 down. 15 Estimated time of departure. 16 Mineral. 17 Member of the Royal Institute. 18 President of the Royal Academy. 19 Submit. 21 Followed. 23 Behold. 24 Composition. 26 A vein of metal. 27 Withered.

READING DOWN. 1 Price. 2 Account. 3 In which position? 4 Age. 5 Unit of electricity. 6 Told an untruth. 8 Beverage. 10 It might prick you! 12 Quiet. 14 Rubbed out. 17 Everything he touched turned to gold. 18 Sound of bells. 19 Affirmative. 20 Rounded roof. 22 Employ. 25 Old form of you.

FIVE AGES

Can you find five words to match the descriptions given below? They all end with AGE.

ORDINARY.

Uncivilised.

A drink.

A vegetable.

Leaves of a plant.

Pick this flower

A LOVELY flower which will bloom

In either sun or shade.

Its name suggests a product from Which loaves of bread are made.

Bird who would not wait

PEGGY WHITETHROAT's other name was Mrs. Willow Warbler. She and her greenish yellow mate, who sang so sweetly, had built their nest in the grass in the Birdman's spinney.

One hot summer day, when their six youngsters could fly quite well, Peggy said: "We will go bathing in the Birdman's pool. But I expect that may have to wait our turn."

The youngsters followed her excitedly over the spinney hedge to the shallow, rocky pool the Birdman had built in his garden for birds.

Two Goldfinches were already splashing there. "But they won't mind us," said Peggy, wading in.

After hesitating a little, the boldest youngster stepped in, too. He dipped his beak and fluttered his wings, and soon all the others were splashing merrily.

Next morning the Warblers went to the pool again. This time a pair of Jays were there.

"We must wait under cover," said Peggy. "No one bathes with them."

"But I don't want to wait," cried the boldest youngster. "I'm going to look for another pool in the garden."

"There isn't one," said Peggy. "Wait here, or you may get into trouble."

But the naughty bird would not, and flew off round the potting shed.

"Hurrah! Another pool after all!" he cried, spotting the open water tank where the Birdman had been filling cans. And in he hopped.

Then he squawked and fluttered madly. This was too deep to touch the bottom, and the sides were too high to climb.

Hearing the commotion, the Birdman came running. Then he quickly popped some peasticks into the tank for the frightened little creature to cling to.

Soon the youngster realised that he could climb out that way, too, which he did. "But I shall wait my turn at the proper pool in future," he said presently as he flew off to join the others.

JANE THORNICROFT

Do you know?

How many counties has Northern Ireland?

What European king reigned for 72 years?

What European Queen reigned for 63 years?

What speed is a knot?

How deep is a fathom?

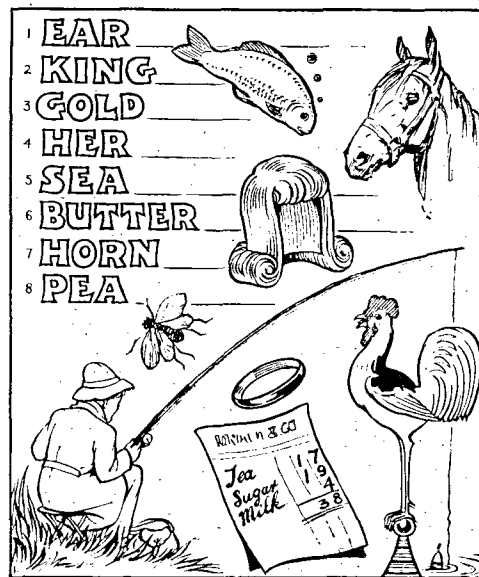
BY THE SEASIDE

Can you sort out the jumbled words below to get the names of ten seaside resorts in England?

HOME burn out; lots of knee; rush boy sense; sits hang; mile of crab; both grin; lent to hit lamp; see rest upon warm; throat ream guy; sugar brooch.

Build up these creatures

By linking picture to word you will be able to form the names of three fish, three birds, and two insects.



Say this quickly

HERE is my left hand and here is my right. If I hurt my left hand my right hand is left, but the only one left is the right. If I am left with my right hand because my left has been hurt it is true that I am left with my right, and I can write with my right because it is left.

Sayings about courage

COURAGE ought to have eyes as well as arms.

Fortune favours the brave.

Some have been thought brave because they were afraid to run away.

A gallant man needs no drum to rouse him.

In doubtful matters courage may do much; in desperate, patience.

THE SHUFFLING SIXPENCE

HERE is a clever little trick which you can carry out at your next party.

While the cloth is still on the table, set down two pennies with a sixpence between them. Then get a glass and set it upside down on the pennies so that the rim is clear of the tablecloth. The sixpence is thus covered by the glass. Then ask your friends if any one can remove the sixpence without touching the glass or the coins.

It can be done—by gently scratching the cloth with the fingernail close to the glass. The movement of the cloth will jerk the sixpence from underneath the glass.

STRATEGY

A CHAMELEON, turning dead white,

Observed, "This is not due to fright."

When I'm really afraid

My best trick is soon played:

I go black, and escape in the night!"

Said the plank to the saw

"TEETH that look sharp," complained the Plank,

"Put doubt and fear in me, Saw; And now my heart goes up and down

Because of those I see, Saw!"

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES

Do you know? Six: Louis XIV of France; Victoria; one nautical mile an hour; six feet. By the seaside. Bournemouth; Folkestone; Shoburyness; Hastings; Ilfracombe; Brighton; Littlehampton; Weston-super-Mare; Great Yarmouth; Scarborough. Five ages. Average; savage; beverage; cabbage; foliage. Pick this flower. Cornflower. Build up these creatures. Earwig; kingfisher; goldfish; herring; seahorse; butterfly; hornbill; peacock.

JUST A FEW WORDS

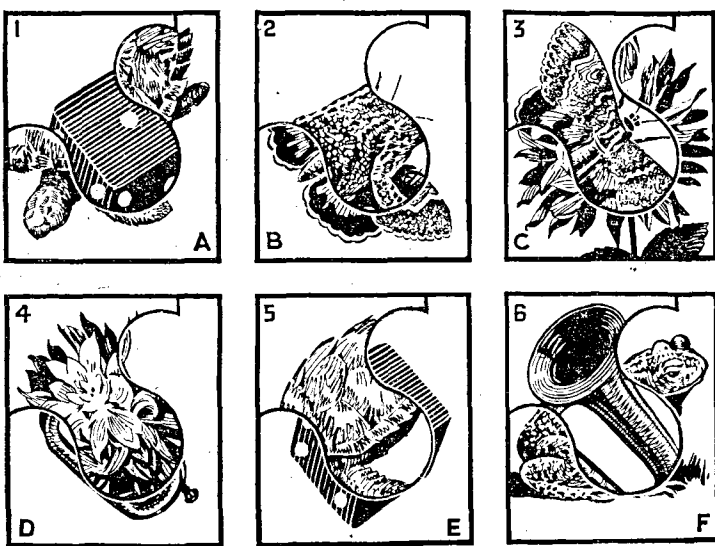
1. C Recess is withdrawal, especially for a holiday from work; hence also a place to which one can withdraw—a niche. (From Latin recessus, a going back or withdrawal.)
2. B A débâcle is a sudden overwhelming disaster or break-up. (French débâcle, an unfastening, especially the breaking up of ice so that a rush of water is let loose.)
3. B Farcical means absurd; extravagantly comic. (From French farce, stuffing or force-meat, hence practical joke, comic play.)
4. A Corporate means united so as to act as one individual. (From Latin corpus, a body.)
5. A A consort is a dignified term for a husband or wife, especially of a reigning monarch. (From Latin consortem, sharer, comrade.)
6. C Deprecatory means expressing disapproval of; arguing against. (From Latin deprecatur, warded off by prayer.)

JUST A FEW WORDS

HERE is an entertaining way to increase your knowledge of words. Each numbered sentence below is followed by three answers or comments you might make; but, in each case, only one is correct and shows that you have understood the meaning of the word in italics. To answer five or six correctly is very good.

Answers are given in column 5

1. The council is in *recess*.
A—Secret session.
B—Public disfavour.
C—Gone on holiday.
2. A tremendous *débâcle* occurred.
A—A good beginning.
B—A sudden disaster.
C—A surprise ending.
3. What happened was *farcical*.
A—Carefully planned.
B—Absurdly comical.
C—True to life.
4. We believe in *corporate* action.
A—All working together.
B—Severe punishment.
C—Taking matters to court.
5. The chief brought his *consort* with him.
A—His wife.
B—A team of advisers.
C—An army of bodyguards.
6. I said a few *deprecatory* words.
A—By way of introduction.
B—A detailed description.
C—Expressing disapproval.



Week of thrills in the Isle of Man

THIS is Tourist Trophy week in the Isle of Man, a week of speed thrills over the world-famous Manx circuit.

This year's Senior T.T., to be ridden on Friday, may be the last time 500 c.c. machines will be seen in competitions on the island. The International Federation have decided to ban these motor cycles from world championship events after this year, a decision that has been received with protests by the

English Auto-Cycle Union, and by the riders. In the future, it is expected that the 350 c.c. machine will be used for Senior championship races.

One rider, in particular, will be all out this season to prove himself the world's No. 1 Senior 500 c.c. motor cyclist. He is John Surtees, the English ace, who last season achieved the "double" as Senior and Junior world champion.

In six Grand Prix meetings, he was unbeaten both in Senior and

Junior races on his four-cylinder M.V. Agusta machine. If he rides in this week's events, he may become the first rider since the war to win four T.T. races in succession in the Isle of Man.

John, a South London motor cycle dealer, is hoping that one incident in last year's Senior race will not be repeated. Travelling at well over 90 m.p.h., he flew into a swarm of flies and broke his goggles.

During the next lap he slowed at the pits and called for new goggles, but in his haste to slip them over his helmet, he lost them—and finished the race without goggles.

Heels over head



The camera caught Denise Goddard, a Welsh gymnast, in the middle of a somersault

First Test against the Indians

THE first of this season's Test Matches starts on Thursday when the Indian cricketers meet England at Trent Bridge, Nottingham, the first time the Indians have played a Test on this ground. It is also the first time that the Indian tourists have been granted full Test status—with five five-day matches.

The first Test ever played between the two countries was at Lord's in June 1932, when the tourists lost by 158 runs. In all, there have been 19 Tests, of which England have won 10. India's

solitary victory was at Madras in 1952, when Pankaj Roy and Polly Umrigar, both members of the present touring party, scored centuries.

The Indians are not likely to forget the first Test Match of the 1952 series in this country. After scoring 293 runs in the first innings, they were shattered by Freddie Trueman, Yorkshire's express bowler, in their second.

Four wickets had fallen before the first run appeared on the score board. Trueman taking three of them in his opening spell.

Tramp, tramp, tramp

A WALKING record which has stood for 49 years was easily broken the other day by Bert Couzens of East Ham, London. The record was the covering of 4000 miles in 80 days—a feat achieved by an American.

Mr. Couzens covered 4046 miles in 55 days—or rather nights, for he set out every evening after finishing his day's work at a gas works.

Bert Couzens, who is 60, was testing out a new pair of wax-impregnated shoes. He says that he needs only 1½ hours sleep a week—but he likes about 60 cups of tea a day!

Another endurance record held by Mr. Couzens was that of playing snooker non-stop for 70 hours.

Another Mortimore of Cotham

COTHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL, Bristol, is proud of its sporting reputation. Among its "old boys" are Test cricketers Arthur Milton and John Mortimore.

Now another Mortimore is making a name for himself. Ken, the sixth-form brother of John, is the school's captain, and an outstanding batsman. On a recent Saturday he put up a good score for his school in the morning, and later hit 78 for Cotham Sports.

Ken was using a bat brought home as a present for him from Australia by his brother

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Who was the first woman to run a mile in five minutes?
2. What is the height of net posts in lawn tennis?
3. Which English soccer club once played an F.A. Cup Tie in Scotland?
4. Brian Phelps is a diving champion; at what other sport is he British champion?
5. What is the trophy awarded to the World Speedway Champion?
6. What is the Kangaroo Club?

SPORTING GALLERY

JOHN MORTIMORE

England's Test team is being rebuilt and among several young cricketers now under the eyes of the selectors is the Gloucestershire all-rounder, John Mortimore. You will remember that he was flown to Australia last winter, when injuries had deprived Peter May



of several of his players. He hit 44 not out in his first Test innings and took Alan Davidson's wicket when Australia batted.

John was born at Bristol on May 14, 1933, and first played for Gloucestershire at the age of 17. He had to wait four years, however, for the award of his county cap, since when he has made steady progress. He scored a century against Oxford University in 1955 and took seven Derbyshire wickets for 26 runs last season.



DOUBLE HAT-TRICK FOR 18-YEAR-OLD ROY

ONE of the fastest games in club cricket took place the other day when Marylebone Grammar School Old Boys met East Grinstead. And the reason for the quick finish was 18-year-old fast bowler Roy Bond.

Bowling for Marylebone, Roy took six wickets with six balls—a double hat-trick. He afterwards followed with two more wickets, and East Grinstead were all out for 12 runs.

In first-class cricket no one has ever taken the double hat-trick, or even five wickets with successive balls. But 25 players have taken four wickets in four balls.

One first-class cricketer who did perform the double hat-trick was

J. Wisden, founder of the famous Cricketer's Almanac. But that was against a combined American and Canadian side just 100 years ago.

The best achievement in successive deliveries is believed to be that of a South African school-boy, P. Hugo, who, playing for his school in 1931, took nine wickets with consecutive balls.

Hull's best rugby player

EACH season, the Haycock Trophy is awarded to the outstanding player in the Hull Schools Rugby League. This year the award has gone to Colin Cooper, of Charterhouse High School.

Colin has graduated through the Charterhouse "C" and "B" teams to the captaincy of the "A" team. He was captain of the Hull City Boys XIII as an intermediate; and he was also capped for Yorkshire Schools.

Getting down to the game

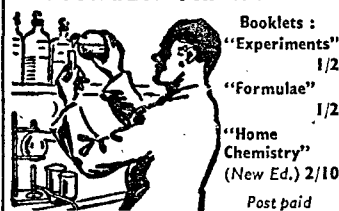
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